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BELGIAN CAPITAL MOVED TO OSTEND

King Albert and His Cabinet
Leave Besieged
Antwerp.

PARIS FLEES BOMBS

Germans Still on Offensive—
Refugees Describe Hor-
rors of War.

The archives of Belgium have been removed to Ostend and a late report says the king and his cabinet will flee there too. The Germans dropped two bombs near Paris, wounding several. There have been heavy losses on both sides. All reports indicate that the Germans are still on the offensive. The non-combatants are fleeing into Holland and are telling of many scenes of horror. The Dutch have established concentration camps for the fugitives but there is danger of starvation unless outside aid is given. The battle line now extends a hundred miles from the Belgian frontier to the Aisne River.

By United Press.

OSTEND, Oct. 8.—The Belgian minister announced that the Belgian capital will be moved to Ostend and that King Albert and his cabinet will flee from Antwerp.

By United Press.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 8.—With the outer ring of fortifications broken and all surrounding villages burning, Antwerp is still attempting to resist the Germans. The Germans are continuing the bombardment but the shells which fall in the city proper are failing to explode. It is apparent, however, that the Germans will obliterate Antwerp when they desire. Lierre and Contich, villages near Antwerp, have been burned completely. Two forts are mere holes as a result of a big gun fight in which the garrisons perished. The non-combatants who are fleeing into Holland are telling of many scenes of horror. Families are separated. There is no system in the flight. The Dutch have established concentration camps for the fugitives but there is danger of starvation unless outside aid is given.

By United Press.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 8.—Communication to Antwerp was interrupted today. The city is under terrific fire as a result of the refusal to surrender to the Germans. Thousands are fleeing to Holland and are leaving the roads strewn with household goods. Utter disorder is marking the flight of the non-combatants.

Reports from Antwerp say that many houses are destroyed and shells are dropping everywhere. The outer and inner forts are reported as fallen with the loss of the guns. King Albert is remaining in Antwerp although the archives of the capital have been moved to Ostend.

The Germans are continuing their aerial flights and are dropping bombs in the city. Antwerp is expected to fall within two days. The Germans crossed the Nethe River despite the heavy losses from the Belgian guns which shelled the German engineers when building pontoons under the protection of their own batteries. The loss was enormous.

The Belgians have constructed earthworks to strengthen the inner line of defense at Antwerp and are mounting heavy guns. Heavy losses have been suffered by both sides. The Belgians are vigorously returning fire.

By United Press.

BERLIN, Oct. 8.—An official announcement was made today that the bombardment of Antwerp was continuing. It said that the outer forts had been reduced and that the inner line is crumbling. The fall of the city is expected shortly.

The situation in France remains unchanged. The German right is progressing and the French are failing to regain lost territory. The Russians are unable to penetrate the lines in East Prussia.

By United Press.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—A strong British artillery force is reported rushing from a point west of Ghent to relieve Antwerp. There is no confirmation of this report. The French situation is declared excellent. The German west wing offensive is waning.

By United Press.

PARIS, Oct. 8.—The Allies are ex-

WHERE THEY ARE FIGHTING.

Lierre and Contich, villages near Antwerp, were burned completely by the Germans.

St. Dennis and Aubervilliers are suburban towns at Paris on which Germans bombs have been dropped. Three persons were wounded at Aubervilliers.

The Vistula River in Austria is the scene of a battle between the Austrians and Russians after the Austrians were drawn from behind their entrenchments.

Cavalry clashes between the Allies and the Germans are in progress north of Arras.

The Germans and Russians are fighting fiercely in the Suwalki district at the Prussian border.

tending their lines toward the Belgian frontier. Last night they thwarted the attempts of the German cavalry to cut the lines of communication north. The battle line now extends a hundred miles from the Belgian frontier to the Aisne River, generals Von Kluck, Von Buelow and Von Boehm commanding the German soldiers. It is reported that the Bavarian Crown Prince Rupert has been relieved of his command at Verdun and has now been placed in charge of the new force in Belgium.

In the north department there was intense fighting, with the Germans on the offensive. The flanking movement of the Germans there has been frustrated because of the alertness of the British air scouts and the Germans are again being driven back.

An official statement here says terrific cavalry clashes have been going on between Arras and the North Sea. The Allies are reoccupying positions on Somme and Oise rivers from which they had been driven by superior forces.

The Germans in effective efforts have resumed the offensive in Woevre. The statement declared the general situation satisfactory for the Allies. The Germans were repulsed north of Arras. There is no change at the right wing or in the Vosges. There is sharp fighting in Suwalki with the Russians on the offensive.

A German aviator dropped two bombs near Paris today, one on St. Denis plains, two miles from Paris, and the other in the suburbs of Aubervilliers, a mile from Paris. The bomb at Aubervilliers wounded three persons. The one at St. Denis did no damage.

RUSSIANS GAIN BY STRATEGY

Say They Withdrew in Galicia to Coax
Austrians Out of Trenches.

The Russians have officially announced that their withdrawal in Galicia was for strategic purposes. By falling back they drew the Austrians into the open and engaged them in a battle on the Vistula River. The bombardment of Przemyel continues.

By United Press.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 8.—It was officially explained here that the Russians withdrew on the Donajec River in Austrian Galicia for strategy. They found that the Austrians were strongly entrenched there. The object of falling back was to draw the Austrians out in the open. This was successful and the Russians are engaging the Austrians in a fierce fight along the Vistula River near Szcuczin.

By United Press.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 8.—The Russians continue to bombard Przemyel and are making great gains in the walls of the fortifications. Along the East Prussian frontier fierce fighting is going on particularly where the Germans have strong positions. The Russian advance is slow. Many additional Russian regiments are being rushed to the front.

WOMAN LEGISLATOR TO SPEAK

State Factory Inspector to Address
Public at Courthouse Tonight.

Miss Helen Todd of San Francisco, graduate of Wisconsin and post-graduate of Harvard University and the University of Berlin, the first woman to deliver an address to Harvard University and a former member of the legislature of California, will address all Columbians who are interested in civic work at the courthouse at 8 o'clock tonight.

Miss Todd is associated with Miss Jane Addams of Hullhouse, Chicago. She is state factory inspector of Illinois. She was one of the leaders in bringing woman suffrage to California, and afterwards when she had been sent to the legislature she mothered the Minimum Wage and Mothers' Pension Bills. She was also president of the San Francisco Civic Center.

PUSHES HIS PLANS FOR A HOTEL HERE

Commercial Club Gets En-
couraging Letter From
Jack Bedell.

NO DELAY, HE SAYS

Talk at Business Men's Lun-
cheon by Stephens Col-
lege President.

The prospects for a new hotel in Columbia are becoming brighter, according to an announcement made by Nelson H. Trimble, secretary of the Columbia Commercial Club, who read a letter from Jack Bedell of St. Louis before the weekly Commercial Club luncheon today. Mr. Bedell stated that he had taken up the cost of material with a St. Louis construction company and that he felt assured that there would be no delay as soon as he finished up business in St. Louis.

James M. Wood, president of Stephens College, spoke on "Helping Columbia Climb." The four greatest assets of Columbia, he said, are the public spirit of the citizens, the school systems, the natural beauty of Columbia, and the fact that the city is not on a trunk line railroad.

"Columbia cannot become a great industrial center," said President Wood, "because the transportation facilities are lacking. Columbia must find its greatest natural resource and build itself on that. The citizens have always helped any movement toward the betterment of the city. The city, the University and the rural community around Columbia should be dependent upon each other."

"Columbia needs parks and drive-ways to make the city more attractive and so get a better class of people as citizens. The trouble that it takes to get to Columbia does this. Instead of Columbia needing a trunk line railroad, it is better that it should have an interurban system to connect it with the outside world."

Dr. J. B. Cole suggested that Columbia be placed in the tourist's handbook that is being compiled by the Touring Information Bureau of America. This will be taken up at the next meeting of the Commercial Club. It was announced that Jewell Mayes, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, and Earl Kurtz, fire chief of Columbia, will speak at the next luncheon.

After the luncheon, Miss Garnet Kinsley and Miss Cornelia Hoelzel of Stephens College sang. Miss Frances E. Oldfield, of the Stephens College faculty, accompanied them.

STECKDAUB CASE TO JURY

Change of Venue Granted to I. V.
Evans Against A. Donner.

The case against John Steckdaub, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, went to the jury in the circuit court late this afternoon.

The case grew out of a fight at a country dance near Columbia last February. The defense tried to show that Steckdaub took the revolver from another man and did not have it concealed. The state tried to establish the usual case of concealment. This is the second trial of this case.

An application for a change of venue in the case of I. V. Evans against Alva Donner was allowed. M. R. Conley will be special judge for the case. A decree perfecting the title was entered in the case of W. W. Dunn against the unknown heirs of James Wiseman.

Three cases set for today were reset. Two of these were the cases against Richard McMahan for violation of the local option law. They will come up for trial October 15.

The case against Noble Grooms was set for October 17. He is charged with writing a check against a bank in which he had no funds.

J. P. GORDON HERE SATURDAY

Speech by State Auditor to Demo-
crats.

John P. Gordon, state auditor, will speak to the Democrats of Boone County at the courthouse at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night. James E. Boggs, circuit clerk, received a telephone message from Mr. Gordon this afternoon saying he would come.

Three Faint in Veterinary Class.

A class in veterinary medicine had an opportunity to practice first aid to the injured Tuesday. While a cat was being operated upon, three members of the class were affected by ether and had to be taken from the clinic room.

HARTSBURG MURDER YIELDS NO ARRESTS

Plenty of Suspicions Are
Afloat, However, in the
Community.

INQUEST IS FUTILE

Testimony Develops Nothing
More Valuable Than
Suppositions.

The murder of Mrs. Mildred Mathews remains a mystery this morning. No arrests have been made. The little community of Hartsburg, twenty-four miles south of Columbia, has its suspicions. The officers have



House Where Mrs. Mathews Was Slain.

their suspicions. Neither agree and the residents of the village are divided among themselves in their opinions.

One of those questioned exhaustively at the coroner's inquest yesterday afternoon by E. C. Anderson, prosecuting attorney, was old "Uncle Frank" Mathews, 86 years old, husband of the dead woman. He himself says that he and his wife seldom quarreled. When they did, he "just went off and left her." Occasionally they had words over her mania for painting everything about the place with thick daubs of yellow, red, blue, green, black and white paint. One time she even painted her scissors.

"We fussed about that once in a while," he said. "But then after it was all over, I sometimes spread a little paint myself, jes' to keep her company. About a month ago, though, I slung the brush in the fire. Then we had a little racket about her cooking. She was a good woman to me. But she got so she did not cook things done enough. She didn't like meals any more, either. She always wanted little snacks—jes' take a bite or two every hour or so. I like to eat three square meals a day and then I quit."

Some of the community seeks to point to an outsider as the murderer of the old woman. The motive of robbery is discredited by many for the reason that, although the old couple were financially well-to-do, they were never known to have much money in the house. "Uncle Frank" says he and his wife put what gold, silver and paper money they had together and he placed it in a bank some time ago. Everyone in the community knew "Uncle Frank" had at last come to believe in and patronize the bank at Hartsburg.

Bothered by Tramps.

The coroner's inquest failed to bring out the knowledge of any outsider having been seen in the community by any of the residents. Mathews said tramps often bothered them, their home being not 150 feet from railroad tracks and less than half a mile from the town. But the theory of tramps enacting the tragedy is discredited.

Miss Helen Bowman, who was in Hartsburg on a visit from her home in St. Joseph, was another witness at the inquest. She said that a man who claims to be the only lawful heir to Mrs. Mathews' property, appeared in Hartsburg and made his claims at the Mathews home a week ago last Sunday. She said Mrs. Mathews told him that he was not her heir; and that their legal business relating to the inheritance of the property after her death was already arranged.

Old "Uncle Frank" goes about his work on the old place, the equipment of which is steadily wasting away like the life of its owner, cooking his breakfast, doing his chores and talking to himself, with the same astounding lack of emotion which startled the community yesterday and

at first brought severe comment upon him.

"Uncle Frank" himself is at a loss for any theory of the tragedy. On the witness stand he tried to explain in language suggesting second childhood. He had changed his trousers and his shoes in the morning, a fact which had been noticed and pointed out by many witnesses. His explanation was:

Explains Blood on Clothes.

"There's some blood on them other clothes, gentlemen. God is my witness that I don't know who did this to my woman. But this morning when I was finishing up my chores after I found her dead, I hurt my hand putting sideboards on my wagon to go after a load of corn for the hogs. I wiped my hand on them pants and thought then I oughtn't to 'ha' done it. Somebody might suspicion me, I knew. And then I thought I ought to change my clothes. I knowed a bunch of people would be out here soon and these shoes and



B. F. Mathews, 86 Years Old, Husband of the Murdered Woman.

pants looked decenter, even if my woman did paint 'em up some."

The testimony given by "Uncle Frank" brought out this theory he holds about the murder. He said he went about finishing his evening chores after dinner before 6 o'clock. His wife always went to bed at sundown, he said. He had been sleeping out in the hog pen for several weeks because some dogs had killed two pigs. But during the last week he had slept in the house in a single bed next to his wife. He did not return from the hog pen until late dusk.

Then he went to bed, but did not awaken his wife, although he spoke to her once and remembers she did not answer. He thought she must be sound asleep. He awakened twice in the night and got up and twice spoke to his wife; who failed to answer at any time. He said he thought she was sound asleep and did not want to disturb her. So he did not investigate until he called her at 5:30 o'clock in the morning and found her dead, lying uncovered on her right side. The body was cold, and appeared to



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have been lifeless some hours.

His Theory of the Murder.

He believes someone murdered his wife, "Millie," as she lay asleep, shortly after he had left the house and that she was dead when he returned and went to bed in the dark, without lighting a lamp. The doctors called to investigate said they thought the woman had been dead fourteen to sixteen hours. They said a dull weapon had been used and that there were no signs of a struggle or choking. Eight wounds about the face and forehead were the cause of the death. Any one or two of the blows would have caused death, they said.

No weapons could be found about the place that led any member of the jury to believe it had been used in

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WILL BUILD \$30,000 MEAT MARKET HERE

Hetzler Brothers Receive
Preliminary Plans for a
New Store.

START NEXT SPRING

Cuts of Meat Will Be Dis-
played in Cooled, Glass
Counters.

"It will be the finest meat market in Missouri," said J. P. Hetzler this morning as he looked over the preliminary plans for a new \$30,000 market he and his brother, W. J. Hetzler, are to build just as soon as all arrangements can be made.

The building in which Hetzler Brothers now have their market, 708-10 Broadway, and the one next to it on the west will be razed, and a one-story building of the modern banking-house style, the front finished with white tile or terracotta, will be in course of construction by spring, Mr. Hetzler thinks.

But it is the interior of the proposed market with which most care has been taken. The front will have a recessive entrance with large show windows to the right and left. On either side, as one enters the market will be large French mirrors, and the preliminary plans show cushioned seats in front of these glasses where customers may sit. To the right and left down the center of the market will be counters, all of glass, cooled by a refrigerating system. In these will be displayed poultry, corn beef, fish, oysters, delicacies and choice cuts of meat. Back of these counters will be wall refrigerators with glass fronts in which meat will also be shown.

At the end of the room will be the "butcher's counter." But this, too, will be of glass, cooled, and in it will be displayed cuts of meat. This is the wrapping counter. Behind the wrapping counter come the cutting tables, and behind them, a large storage refrigerator, 24 feet square. And the front of this refrigerator will be glass that customers may see the dressed hogs, beefs and sheep hanging from hooks.

All the meat will be within the cooled glass cases. The only time the meat will be taken out is when one makes a purchase over the retailing counter. The floor will be white tile. The ceiling will have a beam effect with chained, drop lights for night service and a big skylight for day. The floor space will be 42x120 feet.

AUTO CRASHES INTO WINDOW

Nobody Injured When Car Takes to
Sidewalk on Walnut Street.

An automobile, driven by Eugene Cox, crashed into a large plate glass of a furniture store at 901-5 Walnut street about 9:20 o'clock last night. The marble window-base setting was also broken. The driver, the only one in the car, escaped without injury.

A few minutes before the accident Mr. Cox drove the car into a ditch on North Eighth street where a water main is being laid. The lantern by the ditch as a danger signal had gone out. When the car went into the ditch both rods running to the front axle were bent until complete control of the car was impossible.

On attempting to turn out for a buggy at the intersection of Walnut and Eighth streets the steering wheel locked and, before the driver could shut off the power, the car ran upon the sidewalk and into the window. The car belongs to a garage at 609 Broadway to which the driver was returning when the accident happened.

ONLY ONE PUMP WORKING

So All Drinking Fountains, Except
One Turned Off.

Only one pump is working at the power-house at the University at present. The water is shut off from all drinking fountains except the one in Academic Hall so that one pump can do the work.

It is not known when the other pump will be started and until then there probably will not be any water in the frequently-used fountains about the campus.

Esley, Mo., Couple Weds.

Miss Lucy Dotzler, 31 years old, and John Martin, 40 years old, both of Esley, Mo., were married yesterday.